



CHAPTER 2

第二話



WHAT'S WITH  
THE FACE?



What the hell  
is Popoyan  
man?!!

NO... SAGA  
DANGO OR  
POPOYAN?

YOU'RE THE ONE  
WHO TOLD ME TO  
BUY YOU SAKI!

THIS . IS IT?



I SHOULD BE FINE  
DURING SMACK  
TIME - AH  
SASA SHMOO

HEY? AREN'T  
YOU GOING TO  
THE ANTIQUE  
MARKET?

THE CAR  
IS AROUND  
THE BACK



Wah  
I TOLD YOU TO  
BUY SAKA AS  
WELL, BECAUSE  
YOU SAID YOU  
WERE GOING  
TO MUKATA

THERE'S  
NO HELPING  
IT THEM...  
I'LL GO GET  
SOME SWEET  
BEAN JELLY  
THEN SHALL I ?



I'VE BEEN WAITING  
FOR YOU SO YOU'LL  
AT LEAST ACCOMP-  
PANY ME FOR A CUP  
OF TEA, WON'T YOU  
WAN LONG

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.....  
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DAMN IT

I WANTED TO  
GET THIS OVER  
WITH QUICK AND  
GO HOME

AND I'M IN A NO  
PARKING ZONE  
WHAT WILL YOU DO  
IF I GET TOWED?

By your side  
always when you  
need me

I KNOW THE  
LIMITS OF YOUR  
PATIENCE SO I  
WON'T BE LONG

COME NOW  
DON'T SAY  
THAT...

OHAYO

OH, WRA LON,  
IT'S MESSY OVER  
THERE AT THE  
MOMENT, SO  
COULD YOU GO  
TO THE BACK  
STREET?

IT'S THE  
NEXT GOOD  
DOWN

WOULD DO  
YOU AGAIN  
YOU WON'T  
BE LONG?

I DON'T  
REALLY CARE

I'VE GOT MY OWN  
SCHEDULE TO KEEP  
SOMETHING FROM  
AROUND YOUR TIE OF  
SOLVEDNESS IS FINE SO  
HOW ABOUT YOU  
THINK ABOUT ME  
FOR A CHANGE?

OKAY

I DON'T CARE  
SO JUST  
HURRY UP.

UM?

HE'S STILL ABLE TO HELP ME

PUT

# BANG

CLUTTER

CRACK



FA...?

Father

WOW! I CAN'T SENSE  
HIS PRESENCE AT ALL  
HE MUST BE A JIG DICT

I HEARD HE  
HAD A YOUNG  
FATHER...

IS THAT  
ARM?

WHAT?  
ARM... NO?

SILVER HAIR?

—I WANT TO  
RUN AWAY

AND HE'S  
GONE  
KIMAGORI



BUT FA LAM

ISN'T IT KIND OF  
POWELL'S IF I  
CAN'T TOUCH IT?

HUMANS CAN'T TOUCH  
THE CRYSTALS THAT  
YOU MAKE



THE ONLY THING  
FA LAM, WHO DIDN'T  
EVEN LEAVE A  
SKELETON,

LEFT BEHIND... THE CRYSTAL  
MADE PEOPLE  
EMOTIONAL



WHAT AM I DOING

HOW DID IT COME TO THIS

I JUST WANT

MY SISTER'S KEEPSAKE



INSTEAD OF THE CRYSTALS  
FILLED WITH SOMEONE'S  
EMOTIONS ARE READY  
FOR THOSE WHO  
HAVE GONE

THE TRUTH IS, EVEN THEN,  
EVEN THOUGH I KNEW IT  
WAS MY SISTER'S KEEPSAKE,  
I DROPPED IT.

I REALISED I WOULD  
NEVER BE ABLE TO  
HAVE IT WHILE I WAS  
STILL ALIVE

ADMITTLY

HOW DID IT COME  
TO THIS...

Is it because  
I'm a bastard?

YOU! THAT  
BASTARD...

THAT GUY WHO MAKES  
THOSE CRYSTALS AND,  
AFTER POLLING THEM IN  
HIS PALM, EATS THEM.

IS TRULY A  
MONSTER.

THAT I HAVE NO CHOICE  
BUT TO ENTRUST MY  
SISTER'S KEEPERS TO  
THAT MONSTER.

AND HE USED LIKE A DOG  
BY HIM AS PAYMENT.

EVEN THOUGH HE'S SO  
FAST WHEN IT COMES  
TO EATING CANDIES

HE'S SLOW

WHAT IS HE  
DOING JUST  
BRACING TEA  
SHOULD'NT

IF IT WEREN'T FOR THAT  
CRYSTAL, I WOULDN'T HAVE  
TO DEAL WITH SUCH A

REALLY... DAMNIT





DROPPED  
ALL OF A  
SUDDEN...

WAIT...  
JUST HAPPENED

THE ROOM  
TRANSFORMED

AS I WASN'T A SLACKER  
OUT OF ME, HE'LL EVEN  
SUCK THE MASTERS  
FROM MY BOARD...

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WHY...

MY BLOOD'S  
LIKE ICE

WHAT  
IS THIS

MY BONES ARE  
CREAKING

MY LIMBS  
ARE FROZEN AND  
I CAN'T BREATHE

WHAT IS  
THIS?

!?

THAT  
HUH

.....

IT'S JUST  
LIKE THAT  
THOUGH

THAT FEELING OF  
BEING FROZEN

THIS IS LIKE  
THAT??

WHAT THE HELL WAS  
THAT JUST NOW??

THIS IS THE PRESSURE  
OF AN OVERWHELMING  
PRESSENCE

WHERE HAVE  
I FELT THIS  
BEFORE...

!

WHEN DID HE  
WAKE UP??

I DIDN'T SENSE  
HIM AT ALL

HE WAS JUST A PIECE  
OF FURNITURE A  
SECOND AGO... BUT

EVEN THOUGH  
I UNDERSTAND THAT  
NOT LOOKING

WHAT DO I DO?

I SHOULDN'T LOOK  
I MUSTN'T LOOK  
THIS IS THAT KIND  
OF SITUATION

NOT BEING ABLE TO CHECK  
WHAT'S HAPPENING IS

A FEAR SCENE  
RECAPTURING...



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MO

MY SON  
WAS

BEEN  
CAUSING YOU  
TROUBLE

DOES ANYONE  
KNOW  
ANYONE

SEEMS  
LIKE

NOTHING  
OF THE  
SORT

MOOOO



POOR SITTING HERE  
WAITING FOR TEA  
SEEM FAR MORE  
DANGEROUS THAN  
ANY OF THOSE  
THINGS

IT MIGHT BE WEIRD TO  
SAY IT MYSELF BUT I'VE  
BEEN AROUND FAR MORE  
SCENES OF CHAOS  
THAN MOST PEOPLE

THE CHANCE OF LIFE RISKING  
THAT I'VE BEEN GOING ON  
FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS NOW  
TO SAY

OH

HOW STRANGE  
FOR YOU TO BE  
AWAKE IN THE  
DAY TIME.  
FATHER.

It's not that I  
want to be  
dead for ever.

One does  
not get old  
and get old



TOU...

Thank  
goodness...



OH, IT'S BE-  
CAUSE WHEN LON  
THOUGHT SAKA  
IS IT?

HAHA,

VERY FUNNY!



TO BE RELIEVED  
SEEING THIS RE-  
TARDED FACE...



...THANK  
GODDNESS?

FOR HIM?









EVEN THOUGH  
HE'S MISSING  
HIS PRESENCE.

HIS EYES CAN'T  
SEE THAT  
PRESENCE

FREEZING  
EVEN THOUGH  
IT'S HOT...



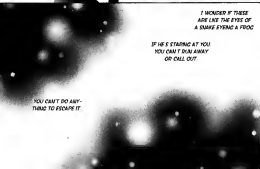
THOSE EYES

THEY'RE THE  
SOURCE



GET IT...

IT'S HIS STARE



I WONDER IF THESE  
ARE LIKE THE EYES OF  
A SHARK EYING A FROG

IF HE'S STARRING AT YOU  
YOU CAN'T RUN AWAY  
OR CALL OUT

YOU CAN'T DO ANY-  
THING TO ESCAPE IT

READ  
A SLAVE WOULD  
BE A HUNDRED  
TIMES BETTER

HE DOESN'T SEEM  
WILLING TO GIVE UP  
THE PAIN FORET  
NO MATTER WHAT

SO ONCE THIS WILL  
PROBABLY BE A  
RATHER LONG  
ACQUAINTANCE  
I THOUGHT I SHOULD  
INTRODUCE HIM TO  
YOU FATHER

SO FERAL

...NOT SAY  
SOMETHING  
WAS LOW

NO MATTER HOW YOU  
THINK ABOUT IT BEING  
SEEN AS A FRIEND IS  
TOO AMPLA

He's not taking  
it as light now

I SHOULD  
JUST SAY NO

IN THAT RESPECT  
HE SEEMS RATHER  
STRONG WILLED  
AND HE HAS A  
STURDY BODY

The master  
is determined

I was once involved  
with the master  
that brought action

I'VE HAD CLIENTS  
WHO'VE WANTED  
TO HOLD ONTO IT  
LIKE WAM LOW  
BEFORE

ONE  
MOOD  
JUST ONE  
MOOD

I'M SURE  
WE'LL BE  
USEFUL  
TO YOU

BUT WENT  
TARE LOW

ONE  
WORD

RIGHT,  
WAM LOW?





huh

YOU'RE IN A  
GOOD MOOD  
PATRICK

DID YOU LIKE  
HIM THAT  
MUCH?



WARM LON IS  
REALLY GOOD  
AT FINDING  
TASTY THINGS.

THERE WAS ALSO  
JUST A STORE  
HE FOUND BY  
CHANCE BUT  
IT'S GREAT



AND THIS IS THE  
FIRST TIME I'VE  
SEEN A HUMAN SO  
SENSITIVE TO YOU  
PATRICK HE'S VERY  
GOOD AT RECOGNIZING DRINKS?

IT'S STRANGE  
ISN'T IT?  
A POLICE THAT

THE WAY HE  
FRANKED

LOOKS  
FUN

No glass objects  
where it's hot for you

HE SEEMS  
LIKE A MAN  
WITH SOME  
BACKBONE

AND HE SEES  
DRINKS

AH SEEMS  
LIKE YOU'LL BE IN  
THE CARE OF A  
FORMERLY SOLO  
FOOD A WHILE



NO MATTER HOW  
MUCH YOU PUSH HIM  
HE ALWAYS DECIDES  
TO BE EMOTIONAL A  
STEP BEFORE THEY  
GET OUT OF HAND.

YEAH BEING  
WITH HIM IS  
SO MUCH FUN!

IT'S LIKE HE'S  
DIFFERENT TO  
MOST HUMANS.  
I CAN'T QUOTE  
PUT IT IN WORDS.

BUT  
THAT'S WHY



.....

DO YOU  
THINK



IMAGINE WHAT  
THE TASTE OF A  
CRYSTAL FROM  
HIM WOULD  
BE LIKE...

IS VERY FUN



...YOU CAN BE  
FRIENDS WITH  
HIM LIKE THAT?



IT'S BEEN  
A LONG TIME  
SINCE I'VE HAD A  
GIRL/FRIEND



BUT

YEAH

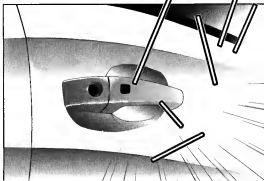


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WITH AL-  
READY FRIENDS,  
I INTRODUCED  
HIM. DIDN'T I?

YOU'RE SERIOUSLY  
FUTTER





WHAT??

WHO IS?  
WHO IS  
WHO IS?



JUST WHAT  
EXACTLY IS THEIR  
DEFINITION OF  
A FRIEND?  
  
TAKING  
ADVANTAGE OF  
SOMEONE'S WEAK-  
NESS AND MAKING  
THEM A SLAVE??



THAT

MONSTER  
FATHER  
AND SON...?



THE DON'T PLAY

I'M NOT HIS FRIEND?



CONVENIENT

...SLAVE



THAT IS

DEFINITELY



NOT A  
FRIEND

!!



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